

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the pending claims, as shown in the complete listing of claims below. In this listing, material to be added to currently amended claims is underlined and material to be deleted from currently amended claims is shown with strike-through. The status of each claim is also included.

1-20 (Presently Canceled)

21. (New) A wire container, comprising:

a lower support wire forming a base;

an upper support wire forming a top;

a plurality of wire figures, each of said wire figures having a wire forming a central body and a plurality of loops outwardly extending from the central body and circumferentially offset from one another, said central body and said plurality of loops formed to simulate a flower; and

a sidewall coupling said base to said top so as to create a chamber in said container, said sidewall comprising said plurality of said wire figures.

22. (New) The wire container as set forth in claim 21, wherein said plurality of said wire figures are similar to each other.

23. (New) The wire container as set forth in claim 21, wherein at least two of said wire figures are different from one another.

24. (New) The wire container as set forth in claim 21, wherein each said wire figures comprise a first piece of wire forming said central body and a separately formed second piece of wire forming said plurality of loops.

25. (New) The wire container of claim 21, further including a bottom formed according to one configuration selected from the following group: a helical wire, a solid plate, open wire mesh, and at least one of additional wire figure.

26. (New) The wire container of claim 21, wherein the shape of said central body is selected from one of the following: circular, helical, coiled, linear, and oval.

27. (New) The wire container of claim 21, wherein said wire container is configured to be selected one of the following: storage cup, tea light cup, voltive cup, candle holder pencil cup, note paper holder, letter tray, letter holder, waste can, pannier, basket, fruit bowl, napkin holder, and office organization tray.

28. (New) The container of claim 21, wherein each of said wire figures has selected portions fixedly attached to selected portions of said lower support wire and said upper support wire.

29. (New) The container of claim 21, wherein at least some of said wire figures have selected portions fixedly attached to selected portions of said lower support wire and another of said wire figures.

30. (New) The container of claim 1, wherein at least some of said wire figures have selected portions fixedly attached to selected portions of said upper support wire and another of said wire figures.

31. (New) The container of claims 28, wherein said selected portions form a triangular brace.

32. (New) The container of claims 29, wherein said selected portions form a triangular brace.

33. (New) The container of claims 30, wherein said selected portions form a triangular brace.

34. (New) The container of claim 21, wherein said lower and upper support wires have a first thickness and said wire forming said wire figures have a second thickness different from said first thickness.

35. (New) The container of claim 34, wherein features of said wire figures which are known to be more delicate than other features thereof are formed of the thinnest wires of said wire container.

36. (New) The container of claim 21, further comprising a plurality of vertical support wires, wherein said upper and lower support wires and each of said plurality of vertical support wires have substantially the same thickness, and each of said plurality of vertical support wires have opposite ends fixedly attached, respectively, to said lower support wire and said upper support wire and forming therewith a support framework for said container.

37. (New) The container of claim 36, wherein each of said wire figures have selected portions fixedly attached to selected portions of at least three from the following group: (1) at least one other of said wire figures; (2) said upper support

wire; (3) at least one of said vertical support wires; and (4) said lower support wire.